

2016 WARRANT



TOWN OF NEW BOSTON

Articles 2 through 14 are currently being considered for zoning amendments

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as an **operating budget** not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling four million, six hundred ninety thousand, six hundred twenty one (\$4,690,621). Should this article be defeated, the default budget shall be _____ (To be determined) _____ which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of New Boston or by law, or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. This operating budget article doesn't contain appropriations contained in any other articles. (Majority Vote Required) (Selectmen and Finance Committee Recommend 6 -1 abstained)

Explanation for Article 15. The operating budget includes routine, and for the most part, recurring expenses related to staffing (including salaries and benefits), supplies, utilities, vehicles, maintenance, repairs, and the like required for the day-to-day operation of the town departments.

CIP TABLE

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000)**, to be placed in the existing **Fire Department Vehicle Capital Reserve Fund**. (Majority Vote Required)

Explanation for Article 16. Based on the replacement cost of each vehicle and the year of replacement or refurbishment, \$110,000 must be allotted to the fund each year to ensure sufficient money is available at the time of scheduled replacement/refurbishment. The department has 6 trucks with a life expectancy of between 15-30 years.

CIP Table

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate nineteen thousand five hundred **(\$19,500)** for the purpose of planning, designing, and engineering to achieve a solid estimate for construction of a new fire station to be located on Route 13 at Map 8, Lot 110-2.
(Majority vote required)

Explanation of Article 17. The Fire wards have asked for funding to supply the professional services of engineering for site work along with the design and architects fees for the complete detailed planning of the new fire station which will most likely come before the voters in 2017. In order to have a precise and complete presentation and plan it is necessary to have the above services done first a year ahead.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **eighty five thousand dollars (\$85,000)** to be placed in the existing **Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund.** (Majority Vote Required)

Explanation for Article 18. The Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund covers the replacement of a small dump truck plus the three regular six wheelers and one 10-wheel dump. The smaller truck has a life expectancy of 10 years and the larger trucks 15 years plus. If prudent, a replaced truck may be kept off line for back up and to plow snow.

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Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **Thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000)** to be added to the **Revaluation Capital Reserve Fund** to be used for the 2021 complete town wide revaluation update. (Majority Vote Required)

Explanation for Article 19. State Law requires the Town to undertake a complete revaluation or update every five years. In order to alleviate a large appropriation request of \$160,000 for the scheduled update in 2021, it is more prudent to raise funds in annual increments.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000)** for the purpose of completing the required revaluation update as required by RSA (required every five years) and furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000) from the Capital Reserve Fund for this purpose.

Explanation for Article 20. This update is dictated by State Law and is required in order to keep the town's property appraisals up to date.

CIP Table

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)** to be placed in the existing **Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund.** (Majority Vote Required)

Explanation for Article 21. This fund allows for the replacement of the loader, grader, and the backhoe on a 12-15 year replacement cycle.

CIP Table

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **eighty five thousand dollars (\$85,000)** for the purpose of improvements **on Dougherty Lane**. This is a non-lapsing appropriation and will not lapse until the project is complete or until December 31, 2021, whichever comes first. (Majority Vote Required)

Explanation for Article 22. This year's request is an ongoing effort to continue construction on various locations in Town. The Dougherty Lane Bridge has been closed for four years and the road on both sides need to be rebuilt along with the bridge repair in order to make it safer and also meet the standards as prescribed by the Road Agent.

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Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **forty thousand dollars (\$40,000)** to be added to the existing **Town Bridge Repair/Replacement Capital Reserve Fund**. (Majority Vote Required)

Explanation for Article 23. The funding under this Warrant Article is consistent with the CIP recommendation and scheduling for bridge repair and replacement projects. In order to keep up with the high cost of bridge repairs in the future, the Road Agent has a long term plan for the future upkeep and construction. In order not to spike the appropriation for some years, the CIP Committee spread the Capital Reserve funding to be consistent each year.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of _____ to be added to the expendable trust fund established in 2014 for the purpose of offsetting the cost of police 'detail' coverage incurred by New Boston non-profits when they sponsor public events in New Boston that require security (Majority Vote Required)

Explanation for Article 24. This article is designed to make the amount expendable by the Selectmen as needed and unspent funds may be carried over from year to year. Each year it is intended that this fund be replenished to the \$2,500 amount. In 2016 the fund was depleted by \$ _____

Article 25. To act on any other business that may legally come before this meeting.